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Judge Wilson was appointed to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims on January 19, 2001, and entered duty on January 22, 2001. Judge Wilson earned her B.A. with honors from Williams College, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a member of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review.

Following law school, Judge Wilson clerked for the Honorable Richard L. Williams on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. In 1991, she entered the Attorney General's Honors Program at the Department of Justice. Judge Wilson served as a Trial Attorney in the Federal Programs Branch of the Department of Justice's Civil Division from 1991 to 1994 and 1995 to 1997. Her responsibilities as a government litigator included defending the constitutionality of statutes and the legality of a variety of executive agency programs. While at the Justice Department, she also served as a member of several DOJ working groups on newly enacted statutes, and as a faculty member at Department of Justice conferences on employment law.

Following her service as a Trial Attorney in the Department of Justice's Civil Division, Judge Wilson served as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Department's Office of Policy Development from 1997 to 1998. Her responsibilities included managing the Department's merit evaluation of federal district court candidates. From 1998 to 2001, Judge Wilson worked first as an Associate Counsel and then as Senior Counsel in the White House Counsel's Office. In the Counsel's Office, she focused on legal policy issues involving the federal courts and transition issues.

Judge Wilson has a longstanding interest in American legal history. Prior to entering law school, she pursued doctoral studies at Yale University, and earned her M.Phil. in American Studies in 1985. From 1985 to 1986, Wilson also worked at the Yale Law School on a bibliography of early American law. In 1994, Judge Wilson took a one-year leave from the Department of Justice to serve as a Judicial Fellow at the Federal Judicial Center. As a Judicial Fellow, she published a profile of the first woman federal appellate judge, conducted an historical study of the appointment of women to the federal judiciary, and participated in other Federal Judicial Center projects involving federal judicial history.

Judge Wilson resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland with her husband Louis Lappin and their daughter.